Dr. Gessler Denies Nation Is Ready for War, as Charged in France.

MENACED AND INSULTED

Minister of Militia Answers Lefevre Accusations-People Desire Peace.

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In reply to new accusations and charges made by M. Lefevre, formerly French Minister of War, and published in the Journal, and other statements nade by Louis Barthou and Premier Brand, Dr. Gessier, German Minister of the Reichswehr (militia), said: "The French statesmen bring charges

The French statesmen bring charges intended to wove that Germany still is at med and prepared for war. In reply 1 wish to state that the figures and facts are known to the Inter-Allied Commission of Control. The organization of the German army is in conformity with the peace treaty. It consists of 4,000 officers and 26,000 men, which number is not even complete. One-fourth of the non-commissioned officers and men come from the clu army. The remainder are because of the control of the non-commissioned officers and men come from the clu army. The remainder are because of the control of the non-commissioned officers and men come from the clu army. The remainder are because of the control of the non-commissioned officers and men come from First Fage.

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"The equipment likewise corresponds of the regulations of the peace treaty. Our army, including all reserve formations, possesses the following arms: "Twenty-two immovable fortress guns, sixteen anti-aircraft guns, 294 field guns, 2,336 machine guns, 156,080 rifles and carbines and not a single tank or a single airplane.

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enity the maximum production prescribed by the Allies is attainable.

"All other special machines were or are being destroyed. The alleged new machine guns mentioned by M. Lefevre are products of the final periods of the war. They do not exist in the Reichswehr, and the few specimens which existed were destroyed. The munitions book of Germany is that prescribed by the peace treaty. It would not suffice even for an eight day campaign.

"If there should really be hidden stocks in existence they must have become unfit for use long since, as explodives and fuses do not endure. The two factories allotted to Germany for this purpose, namely, one for hand fire-arms and one for artillery and munitions, have not begun to operate. Besides raw materials are lacking and the industrial centers of the Ruhr district and Upper Silesia, as M. Brland himself admits, cannot be used for mobilization purposes.

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see in the return of the queries an indication that the Allies are prepared to give the entire reparations issue an overhauling, whereas the Nationalist papers read into them only a "passing were in 1914. Within a few days she can put a perfectly equipped army of 1,000,000 men into the field, in spite of the alleged German strategic line in the Black Forest. This line does not mean anything but the construction of a double track railway line connecting Stuttgart, Horb and Zurich, which has been planned for communication reasons for the last thirteen years.

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ady for action.
"Meanwhile France's well equip scring stands at the bridgeheads of the Shine. It is ready to march as soon as Germany moves, as soon as war reparations are noticed. Thousands of sirplanes are ready for attacks on Germany's capitals, munitions depots, industrial centers and reliway junctions. "Besides, on Germany's western border is Belgium's army of 1,200,000 men; in the east the Poles, with 550,000 men; in the east the Poles, with 550,000 men, and the Carcho-Slovaks with affect a constitutions change which my stands at the bridgeheads of the

men; in the east the Poles, with 556,000 men; in the east the Poles, with 556,000 men. It is one huge armed tamp around a disarmed country.

This is one of the principal reasons for Europe's economic ruin. France is not willing to disarmed with all the means of misleading propaganda as an armed antagonist full of the spirit of aggression from whom allegedly unprotected France must protect herself.

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SHACKLETON LEAVES RIO.

Antarctic Expedition Now on Way

South Again. Rio Janemo, Dec. 18.—The British Antarctic expedition ship Quest, commanded by Sir Ernest Shackleton, left iere this morning for the South after tures weeks stay during which she underwent repairs.

Sir Ernest plans a direct voyage to Bouth Georgia, from which country he will proceed to the Antarctic.

Berlin Plans Payments if Denied Moratorium

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I was reported here that steps had been taken by the Berlin Government to insure the pay nent of the January and February reparation installments if the moretorium request was refused by the Allies. A greater part of the payment due on January 15 was said to have been provided for by the Government here, despite the contrary statement in the Govern-ment's note to the Allies.

Well informed persons said that even before the German Government addressed its note to the Reparations Commission, asking for a moratorium, it seriously considered the possibility of a refusal of its

and Red Is Defeated.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The Reichstar to-day by a decisive majority rejected the motion put forward by the Nationalists

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AUSTRIA IS THREATENED

Refusal to Accept Vote Wil Be Regarded as Casus Belli, Says Italian General.

VIENNA, Dec. 18 .- A great meeting of

EX-CROWN PRINCE UNHAPPY IN EXILE Wants a Job and to Live With United Family.

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Persons in circles closely connected with the one time German Crown Prince deny reports contained in the Petit Parisien that he intends to return from Holland to Germany and live on an estate at Oles, in Silesia. They admit,

Hainisch Says Americans

Paris, Dec. 18.—Exchange of ratifica-tions of the peace treaty between the United States and Hungary took place this evening, according to a dispatch received here from Budapest.

Bogota, Colombia, Dec. 18.—The Colombian Congress is expected to ratify the treaty between the United States and Colombia the present week. Opponents of the treaty—about twelve—are headed by former President Conoba. It is estimated the number of Deputies to the colombian agreement. voring approval aggregate fifty.



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PARIS, Dec. 18.—A Belgrade dispatch to the Hawas Agency, dated Saturday, says it is reported the Government in Tirana. Albania, has fallen into

by Unknown Agitator

Albanian Rule Seized

the hands of an agitator named Hirdochey, of whose history noth ing seems to be known. The mem-bers of the former Tirana Governof the former Tirana Govern ment are trying to reorganize at Elbassan. Ahmed Bey, command-ing the Mirdites, is concentrating troops to march on Tirana.

CRAIG INJECTS NEW SNAG IN IRISH PEACE

Belfast, Dec. 18 (Associated Press).

—An attempted raid for arms on the Balmoral show grounds, which is under military occupation, resulted in failure Saturday night, following a day of fierce rioting. During the night a motor lorry arrived at the show grounds and six men got out of it. These men went to the railing, where they received rifles which were handed out to them by men inside the grounds.

The authorities had received a warning and had placed soldlers at vantage

Michael Hainisch, President of ing and had placed soldiers at vantage is, when asked whether a political points in readiness for an attack. The move replied: "We Austrians cannot replied to the soldiers opened fire on the four would be move replied: "We Austrians cannot replied to the soldiers, two of whom were wounded and replied to the soldiers."

GERMAN FARMER WILL AID BUDGET BALANCE

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SAYS PORTO RICO IS LOYAL TO THE U. S

Antonio Barcelo, President of Senate, Answers Gov. Reily's Charges.

WASHINGTON, Dec. S .- Porto Rico is not planning to secede from the United ruin." States and her political leaders are not nine the authority of the Federal Government, says Antonio R. Barcelo, presient of the island Senate, speaking for Porto Rican Commission in Washon, of which he is a member, in a public statement here in answer to re cent charges by members of the admin

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Continu ing to a strong power centered in the Governor would be willing to surrender the public control of the island if they would be benefited thereby."

"Under the terms of the organic act as

presently amended," continues the state-ment, "it must be apparent that if anything approaching a dictatorship exists on the island it arises from the acts of the Governor himself and a small circle of politicians who have been directing his policy. It is ridiculous to accuse the Unionist party or Mr. Barcelo, its leader, of dictatorship, for they have exercised no powers other than those granted by the organic act and ratified and indorsed by the people who elected them as

epresentatives "Fortunately, the officials confirmed by the Senate under the new organic act have shown efficiency, honesty and capacity, and the General Assembly has accomplished a second assembly has tendency to get all circles of German production to cooperate towards helping to balance the German budget is illustrated by a resolution adopted by the federal committee of German farmers. The resolution states the committee thinks Germany is able to increase her food production sufficiently to feed the population if the Government agrees to exceptional measures which will make this increase possible.

Among measures asked of the Government to accomplish da great and truly constructive work in the social and economic reforms it have placed upon the statute books. There are few States in the Union that would lay claim to a higher standard than that displayed by the islandard than that displayed by the isl

Among measures asked of the Government to accomplish this are a guarantee of security to persons with property sufficient to supply artificial fertilizer to the farms and measures for meeting the demand for farm laborers.

Referring to the fire on the steamship Tanamo, which brought Gov. Reily and his party to New York on November 21, the statement said that the charge that the blaze was of incendiary origin "between the steamship that provides the provides of the steamship that party to New York on November 21, the statement and that the charge that the blaze was of incendiary origin "between the steamship that provides the steamship that provides the steamship that provides the steamship that the provides the steamship that the statement and that the charge that the blaze was of incendiary origin "between the statement and that the charge that the blaze was of incendiary origin "between the statement and the statement and the statement and that the charge that the blaze was of incendiary origin "between the statement and the statement and

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30.000 CUBAN PARADERS PROTEST FORDNEY BILL U. S. Must Not Destroy Fruit of Own Work, Says Plea.

> HAVANA, Dec. 18 .-- A demonstration was held here to-day against the Fordney tariff bill. Thirty thousand persons paraded the streets. The marchers, who were orderly, carried Cuban flags and banners on which were inscribed in Spanish and English demands for a "square deal" and the warning that the proposed tariff would mean "Cuba's

ruin."

A statement presented to President Zayas and Major-Gen. E. H. Crowder after the demonstration by M. Arango, president of the Association of Sugar Mill Owners and Planters, which arranged the parade, declared: "The United States must not destroy the fruit of its own work in Cuba by enforcing ruinous tariff rates against her sugar and tobacco." The statement suggests that the remedy be sought in a new, permanent commercial treaty, to be negotiated at as early a date as possible.

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